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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 12/14/09.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 41-50 and 52-73 renumbered 27-58 respectively.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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/John Pezzlo/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2465

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DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Peter J. Gutierrez on 16 September 2010.

Claims 54-62 have been amended as follows:

1. Regarding claim 54 – Changed line 1, from "An interrogator that, when operated, performs a method comprising:" to -- A method performed by an interrogator, comprising: --.
2. Regarding claims 55-62 – Changed line 1, replaced "interrogator" with -- method --.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicants have claimed uniquely distinct features in the instant invention, which are not found in the prior art,

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either singularly or in combination. The independent claim identifies the following uniquely distinct features:

1. Regarding claim 41 - A method, comprising: sending a first command from an interrogator to a plurality of RFID devices, the first command comprising a first set of fields, wherein the first set of fields includes a first bit string and describes a first memory range that starts at a first bit location, receiving the first command by an RFID device of the plurality of RFID devices, and in response, the RFID device comparing the first bit string to a first value stored in a first portion of a memory of the RFID device corresponding to the first memory range, sending a second command from the interrogator to the plurality of RFID devices successively following the first command, the second command comprising a second set of fields, wherein the second set of fields includes a second bit string and describes a second memory range that starts at a second bit location offset from the first bit location by two or more bits, receiving the second command by the RFID device, and in response, the RFID device comparing the second bit string to a second value stored in a second portion of the memory of the RFID device corresponding to the second memory range, and receiving a reply from the RFID device based, at least in part, on a first result from the comparing of the first bit string to the first value, and on a second result from the comparing of the second bit string to the second value, wherein the reply includes a random number generated by the RFID device.
2. Regarding claim 45 - A method, comprising: sending a first command followed by a second command, absent any intervening commands, to a plurality of RFID devices, wherein the first command comprises first and second radio frequency (RF) signals and the second command comprises third and fourth RF signals, receiving a reply from at least one RFID device, the reply

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indicating that a first number stored in a memory of the RFID device bounded at a first location indicated by the first RF signal is equal to a first value indicated by the second RF signal, and a second number stored in the memory of the RFID device bounded at a second location indicated by the third RF signal is equal to a second value indicated by the fourth RF signal, the reply including a random number independently generated by the RFID device, wherein the second location is offset by two or more bits from the first location in the memory of the RFID device.

3. Regarding claim 54 – A method performed by an interrogator, comprising: transmitting a first command to select a group of RFID devices based, at least in part, on a first memory range beginning at a first bit location, transmitting a second command, successively following the first command, to select a subgroup of the group of RFID devices based, at least in part, on a second memory range beginning at a second bit location, wherein the second bit location is shifted by two or more bits from the first bit location, and receiving a reply from at least one RFID device of the subgroup of RFID devices, the reply including a random number generated by the RFID device.

4. Regarding claim 63 - A method, comprising: providing an RFID device affixed to an object to identify the object, the RFID device storing an identification number, sending a first command from an interrogator, the first command configured to select a group of RFID devices based, at least in part, on a respective first value stored in each respective RFID device of the group of RFID devices, the respective first value bounded at a respective first bit location within a memory of the respective RFID device, sending a second command from the interrogator after sending the first command and before sending any intervening command from the interrogator, the second command configured to select a subgroup of the group of RFID devices based, at

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least in part, on a respective second value stored in the respective RFID device of the group of RFID devices, the respective second value bounded at a respective second bit location within the memory of the respective RFID device, wherein the second bit location is at least two bits away from the first bit location; and receiving a random number from the RFID device, the RFID device belonging to the subgroup, the random number independently generated by the RFID device and being separate from the identification number.

5. Regarding claim 70 - A system comprising: an RFID reader configured to send a first command to indicate a first bit string and a first range of bits, followed, without any intervening query commands, by a second command to indicate a second bit string and a second range of bits, wherein the first range of bits differs from the second range of bits by at least two bits, an object associated with an identification code, and an RFID tag affixed to the object and storing the identification code, the RFID tag configured to compare the first bit string to a first value stored in memory corresponding to the first range of bits, to compare the second bit string to a second value stored in memory corresponding to the second range of bits, to backscatter a self-generated random number, and to backscatter the identification code.

The closest prior art, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above limitations obvious.

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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 41-50, and 52-73 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

Claims 41-50, and 52-73 being allowable, **Prosecution On The Merits Is Closed** in this application.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

1. O'Toole et al. (US 6,947,513 B2) discloses a radio frequency data communications device.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Pezzlo whose telephone number is (571) 272-3090. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel, can be reached on (571) 272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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